

Comments in response to Comments by Douglas E. Smith (Posted 3/17/2008, Docket No. 07-294).

I, Marvin Glass, am the President of M.G. Media, Inc., the licensee of WGNQ. WGNQ is licensed for 1,000 Watts during the day and with nighttime power varying from 125 watts and ultimately down to 39 Watts.

I support Mr. Smith's idea of assigning the entire low-band TV channel spectrum for radio on a secondary basis to existing DTV, LPTV, and Class A service (and on a co-primary basis to new TV stations.) I believe this concept, or some variant of this idea, is a needed and valid use of public RF spectrum.

As a small-market AM radio station operator, I find I need FM coverage and need to be able to cover a larger contour in order to maintain a viable financial approach to continued broadcasting. For this reason I support John Mullaney's proposal to transfer most, if not all, AM stations to vacated RF spectrum left behind as the Digital TV Transition reaches completion (Docket 87-268). I also support Mr. Mullaney's proposal to allocate portions of newly free spectrum to FM translators and similar entities.

I believe the time has come to transition all AM and FM stations to 100% digital operation in much the same approach as was used in the Digital TV transition. If we could make these changes all at once, the playing field for minorities would be much more level than it is now and diversification and the emphasis on local service would be dramatically increased.